

THE IOWA POLL

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802 Iowa adults

Margin of error: ± 3.5 percentage points

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Weighted by age and sex

In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
37	51	12

What about here in Iowa? Do you think things in the state are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
58	28	14

I'm going to mention some elected officials. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling his job. **(Rotate list.)**

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Terry Branstad as governor	56	33	11
Tom Harkin as U.S. Senator	55	28	17
Chuck Grassley as U.S. Senator	62	22	16
Matt Schultz, Iowa Secretary of State	38	13	49

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

(Follow with:) Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing: **(Rotate all items after his job as president.)**

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
With his job as president	49	46	5
With the economy	45	50	5
With relations with other countries	55	38	7
With the budget deficit	35	58	7
With managing relationships with the U.S. Congress	42	46	12

U.S. Senator Tom Harkin recently announced he will not seek re-election. For each of the following political figures, please tell me if you think the person would be an appealing candidate for U.S. Senate or not. Just answer yes or no. **(Read list. Rotate.)**

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Bruce Braley, Congressman from Iowa's first district	36	33	31
Steve King, Congressman from Iowa's fourth district	33	41	26
Chet Culver, former Iowa governor	39	49	12
Tom Latham, Congressman from Iowa's third district	40	34	26
Christie Vilsack, former Iowa first lady	42	46	12
Kim Reynolds, Iowa's lieutenant governor	33	37	30
Tom Vilsack, U.S. secretary of agriculture and former Iowa governor	56	35	9
Bob Vander Plaats, former candidate for governor	21	54	25

Here are some issues that may be debated in the Iowa Legislature this year. For each, please tell me if you favor or oppose the initiative. **(Rotate list.)**

	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure
Require a government-issued photo ID in order to vote	71	26	3

Do you think gun laws in Iowa should be more restrictive or less restrictive than they are now, or are things about right the way they are?

More Restrictive	Less Restrictive	About right the Way they are	Not Sure
33	11	53	3

Here are some specific proposals on guns the U.S. Congress might consider this year. For each, please tell me if you favor or oppose. **(Rotate list, but clip size item must always follow military-style weapons item.)**

	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure
Requiring background checks for all gun sales, including those at gun shows and by private sellers	88	11	1
Banning military-style weapons, commonly known as assault weapons	60	37	3
Renewing the limit on the size of ammunition clips to 10 rounds	59	36	5

For each of the following, please tell me how much of a factor you think it is in contributing to gun violence—a major factor, a minor factor, or not really a factor.

Which ONE of these do you think is the single biggest factor?

	Major Factor	Minor Factor	Not Really a Factor	Not Sure	Single Biggest Factor
Easy availability of guns	54	24	20	2	12
Lack of effective laws controlling who can and who cannot buy guns	48	29	19	4	11
Lack of effective laws on the types of guns that can and cannot be sold	41	32	25	2	5
Violence in the media, including video games	50	30	18	2	12
A culture that glorifies violence	60	26	12	2	12
Lack of available treatment for those with mental illnesses	74	18	6	2	28
Lack of individual responsibility of gun owners	57	27	14	2	15
None of these (VOL)					2
Not sure					3

About the poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted Feb. 3-6 for The Des Moines Register by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on interviews with 802 Iowans ages 18 or older. Interviewers contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers. Responses were adjusted by age and sex to reflect the general population based on recent Census data.

Questions based on the sample of 802 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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